

Requirements for Unplated Cable Trays



Article Overview

Unplated cable trays must meet mechanical, electrical, and installation standards to ensure safety, load-bearing capacity, and corrosion management.

Mechanical Strength

Unplated cable trays must be designed to support the weight of cables and any additional environmental loads without excessive sagging or deformation. IEC 61537 specifies load testing methods, including deflection and yield strength tests at spans commonly ranging from 1m to 2m, ensuring the tray can safely carry the intended cable load with an appropriate safety margin . Manufacturers typically provide test certificates to confirm compliance.

Corrosion Considerations

While unplated trays lack protective coatings, they must still be suitable for the intended environment. In non-corrosive indoor environments, bare steel trays may be acceptable, but in humid, coastal, or chemical-prone areas, additional corrosion protection (like galvanization or painting) is recommended to prevent structural degradation . Material selection, such as stainless steel or aluminum, can also mitigate corrosion risks.

Electrical Continuity and Grounding

Unplated metallic trays often serve as part of the grounding system. IEC 61537 requires that trays used for bonding or grounding maintain a resistance of less than...

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